



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicants:** Hiroyuki Ikeda **Atty. Docket No.** 075834.00064  
**Serial No.:** 09/ 821,636 **Group Art Unit:** 2811  
**Filed:** March 29, 2001 **Examiner:** Thien Tran  
**Invention:** "THIN FILM TRANSISTOR APPARATUS"

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The time to respond is thus extended to September 19, 2003. Applicant has included a check in the amount of \$930.00 as payment of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

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